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Typhus fever in City of Mexico.

[Telegram.]

CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, *May 2, 1901.*

From April 22 to yesterday, 53 deaths from typhus, 1 from typhoid fever; mostly among the very poor. Report week ended April 14 and April 21 duly mailed, showing about the same number. No reason for quarantining against City of Mexico.

BARLOW,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

The following instructions were telegraphed :

MAY 2, 1901.

Maintain careful inspection with regard to typhus fever particularly of other than first-class passengers and authorized to satisfy yourself that persons passing have not been exposed. * * * The baggage of any suspects should be disinfected as per Article XII, quarantine regulations.

WYMAN.

Dr. HAMILTON, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, Laredo, Tex.*HUME, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, Eagle Pass, Tex.*ALEXANDER, *U. S. Marine Hospital Service, El Paso, Tex.**Report from Progreso.*PROGRESO, MEXICO, *April 14, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended April 13:

There were 5 deaths reported during the week, but none of them were from contagious diseases. In Merida the death rate from smallpox has decreased during the past few days, but from 5 to 7 deaths are reported every day. Vaccination is being freely practiced by the authorities, and the epidemic is expected to run out in about one month more. There should be a scarcity of material in that time. * * *

The representative of the Mobile quarantine board has arrived here, and one from the New Orleans board is expected shortly.

I inclose abstract of bills of health for the past week.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

*Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 11, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to herewith submit report for the week ended April 10, 1901.

The following vessels have been inspected, clearing from this port direct for the United States:

April 5, Norwegian steamship *Alabama*, Sivertsen, master; crew, 19; passengers, 17, and marine medical officer W. T. Thigpen, assigned to the ship by the Louisiana State board of health; also Norwegian steamship *Hiram*, Pedersen, master; crew, 15; no passengers, and marine

medical officer, Thomas S. Adams, assigned to the ship by the Louisiana State board of health. April 10, Norwegian steamship *Condor*, Rasmussen, master; crew, 16; no passengers.

I am reliably informed that the Louisiana State board of health will, during the quarantine season, continue to have marine medical officers on all fruit ships carrying passengers to New Orleans from Central America.

I inspected during the week the San Paulo municipal hospital, located in rear of the town, and, by the courtesy of the house-surgeon, Isidro Urtecho, was given the clinical history of every patient. Although there are 40 patients in this hospital—men, women, and children—there were none that could be strictly classified as affected with an acute disease; all were, more or less, of a chronic character.

There have been 2 deaths during the past week—a male Honduran, from tuberculosis, and a colored female from puerperal fever.

From personal investigation, I have no suspicion as to the presence of any contagious or infectious disease.

The population of the town of Bluefields is variously estimated at from 2,500 to 3,000, of which 125 may be regarded as white.

I inclose herewith 3 (triplicates) copies of the United States Marine-Hospital Service certificates, the original and duplicate being attached to the United States bills of health; also 17 (duplicates) copies of the United States Marine-Hospital Service certificates issued to passengers leaving this port for the United States.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, April 18, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report for the week ended April 17, 1901:

The following vessels have been inspected, clearing for ports in the United States: April 11, Norwegian steamship *Utstein*, Arsvald, master; crew, 18; no passengers; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct. April 14, Norwegian steamship *Fulton*, Pettersen, master; crew, 14; no passengers; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct.

Four deaths have occurred in the town of Bluefields during the week; all colored. On April 12, an adult, male, due to malarial fever; April 13 and 17, respectively, twin female infants, resulting from inanition, and on April 16, a female, due to senile debility.

There have been no patients recently admitted into the San Paulo hospital (Bluefields), and there is no contagious or infectious disease in the town proper, or its immediate vicinity.

I inclose herewith 2 United States Marine-Hospital Service certificates (triplicates), the original and duplicate of which have been attached to the United States consular bills of health.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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